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CONTROLLING A SUPPLY OF POWER

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR §1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the subject application.

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ATTACHMENT 1(e)

EXPLANATIONS OF RELEVANCY OF REFERENCES	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	APPLICATION NO.
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U.S. Reference AA, attached hereto, corresponds to Japanese references AI, AJ and AK, also attached hereto.

None of the listed references disclose an electronic apparatus of realizing a desired function by combining a plurality of units in which a judging part judges whether a combination of the plurality of units is to realize the desired function and a power supply control part controls a supply of power from a power source to at least one of the units of the combination used to realize the desired function based on a judgement result of the judging part.